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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43b/s.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	2-7,13,14
	No: Claims	1,8-12,15-18
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-18
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : WO 03/081787 A (NOKIA CORPORATION; NOKIA INC) 2 October 2003
(2003-10-02)

D2 : WO 95/22138 A (SEATTLE SILICON CORPORATION) 17 August 1995 (1995-08-17)

2 Article 6 PCT

2.1 The problem of a RFID apparatus of the prior art, as outlined in the description on page 1, lines 20 - 22 and 27, is how to realise a dual mode reader/tag functionality in which both reader and tag functionality exist within the same apparatus, and reduce interference between the antennas.

Consequently, and as shown on page 1, lines 20 - 22 and page 2, lines 22 - 27, the following features are essential to the definition of the invention:

- an antenna used commonly to both receive said modulated RF signal and to transmit said generated RF signal (cf. claim 13), and
- the RFID apparatus having a dual mode reader/tag functionality.

Since independent claim 1 does not contain these features, it does not meet the requirements following from Article 6 PCT.

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

3.1 Furthermore, the present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document, cf. page 10, line 13 - line 23; page 11, line 12 - line 20; Figures 2A, 4):

a RFID apparatus (102) comprising: transmission means (220) for transmitting an RF

signal; reception means (220) for receiving a modulated RF signal; and demodulation means for demodulating a received modulated signal, wherein the apparatus comprises generating means (215) for generating a RF signal dependent on an incoming RF signal, said incoming RF signal being generated by different apparatus, and wherein the apparatus is arranged to transmit said generated RF signal such that said generated RF signal interferes (page 10, lines 14 and 15) with the incoming RF signal.

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-18

Dependent claims 2-18 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

- 4.1 Document D1 also discloses the subject-matter as claimed in claims 8-12 and 15-18, as a result of which these claims are not new (Article 33(2) PCT).
- 4.2 Claims 2-7,13 and 14 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).
- 4.3 The features as claimed in claims 2-7 are considered to represent general knowledge in the art of RFID apparatus.
- 3.4 The features as claimed in claims 13 and 14 are already known from document D2, in which also a dual mode reader/tag apparatus is described. The person skilled in the art would combine the teaching of this document with the teaching of document D1 to solve the posed problem, and arrive at the subject-matter of claims 13 and 14.